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FM AMEMBASSY ADDIS ABABA

TO SECSTATE WASHDC 3220

INFO AMCONSUL ASMARA

AMEMBASSY KHARTOUM

AMEMBASSY LONDON

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C O N F I D E N T I A L ADDIS ABABA 1914

E.O. 11652: GDS

TAGS: PINS ET

SUBJECT: PRISONERS ESCAPE AND THEN SLAUGHTERED

REF: (A) ASMARA 210; (B) ASMARA 221, PARA 3

1. ACCORDING TO RELIABLE SOURCE, THE APPROXIMATELY 700(PRISONERS WHO WERE FREED FROM SEMBEL PRISON (CF. REFTTEL) WERE TRACKED DOWN BY ARMY PARATROOPERS AND SLAUGHTERED OUTSIDE OF ASMARA. THE PRISONERS, MANY OF WHOM WERE IN LEG IRONS, HAD TO TRAVEL SLOWLY AND WERE, THEREFORE, EASY PREY FOR THE ETHIOPIAN FORCE. CAN ASMARA CONFIRM?

2. A HIGH RANKING ADVISOR TO TEFERI BENTI AND THE "DIRG" WAS IN ASMARA AT THE TIME. HE IMMEDIATELY RETURNED TO ADDIS TO DISCUSS WITH THE PMAC HOW TO DEAL WITH THE PUBLICITY OF THE INCIDENT WHICH IS BOUND TO FOLLOW.

3. VOA CORRESPONDENT REPORTS THAT REUTERS AND AFP CORRESPONDENTS
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HERE BELIEVE "MASSACRE" INFO IS "DIRG" PLANT AND DISINFORMATION

ATTEMPT TO DISCREDIT FOREIGN JOURNALISTS. SOURCE OF REPORT IS
WELL AND FAVORABLY KNOWN TO EMBASSY AND IT IS EXTREMELY DOUBTFUL
THAT HE WOULD PURPOSELY DISSEMINATE FALSE INFO.
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